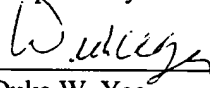


**REMARKS**

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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**APPENDIX: REDACTED PARAGRAPHS**

The redacted paragraph that began on page 1, at line 6 is as follows:

This application is related to commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent series number [No. \_\_\_\_\_] 08/835,129 (Attorney docket No. AT997108 entitled "Heuristic Bus Performance Optimization", filed on [even date herewith and hereby incorporated by reference] April 4, 1997 and abandoned on April 20, 1999.